



Senate Nanoseconds

What Faculty Need to Know

A concise summary of Senate business conducted at a Senate Board meeting. Complete minutes available on the PCC Website.

April 12, 2010 Senate Board Meeting

Senate Faculty Development Committee: sponsored a joint PCC-Glendale CC conference called “The New College Student and You” on March 27. The focus was on teaching our modern-day students, with their unique learning styles, personal concerns, and motivational needs.

Distance Education (DE) Committee: recommends that faculty offer “regular effective contact” to DE students. The committee developed a working definition of “regular effective contact”. At its May 3 meeting, the Senate Board will likely vote on whether to accept the recommendation.

Senate Officers for 2010-2011: The Senate will have a new President next year: Edward Martinez; Other officers are: Vice President, Patricia Lynn; Secretary, Ahni Armstrong; and Treasurer, Dustin Hanvey. Congratulations to all!

Ad Hoc Budget Advisory Committee: Discussion will soon center on prioritizing possible cost-saving measures that could be implemented for the next fiscal year. The next meeting is Thursday, May 13, 2:30-4pm in the President’s Conference Room. All are invited to attend, especially those who have concerns.

Presidential Search: There have been more than 40 applicants desiring to be PCC’s next Superintendent-President. The Presidential Screening Committee will review the applicants and forward preferred candidates’ names to the Board of Trustees (BOT). The BOT will then narrow the list to a smaller number of leading candidates, perhaps three. Further interviewing may occur on campus before a final selection is made.

PCC Faculty Association: Faculty were urged to return their ballots and to vote Yes to ratify the contract for 2008-09. A survey is circulating to revisit the 2010-2011 calendar, which currently offers one vacation week before the summer session and three weeks after. The faculty may be polled on this matter.

Enrollment Management for 2010-2011: Course offerings for Summer 2010 are 75% of what they were in Summer 2009. Winter 2011 is likely to be at the same level as Winter 2010, unless budget permits the offering of more courses. Fall 2010 & Spring 2011 offerings are being planned to be 98% of what they were a year ago.

SLO Philosophy Statement of Student Learning and Support Services Outcomes: The ad hoc Senate SLO committee presented a new SLO philosophy statement to the Senate Board. A vote may occur at next Senate Board meeting.

SLO Regional Meeting: Attendees reported that by 2012, colleges are expected to have achieved the level of “proficiency” on an accreditation rubric provided by ACCJC. This of course is ACCJC’s specific recommendation #2 for PCC. Proficiency implies that a college has implemented SLO’s at the course, program, and institutional level, assessed them, and used the data to improve the institution’s effectiveness in achieving student learning.

Announcements—ASCCC Spring Plenary Session: April 15-17, 2010, San Francisco.